

ALLIES CLAIMING DISTINCT GAIN

Germans Fail to Work Around the Enemy's Left.

SHARP ENGAGEMENTS FOUGHT

Kaiser's Forces Meeting With Stubborn Resistance In Their Efforts to Extend the Right Wing of Their Main Army—Ostend and Other North Belgium Points Believed In Hands of the Germans.

London, Oct. 15.—While it is fully expected the Germans will occupy Ostend and other ports in the north-west of Belgium, if they have not done so already, they will meet a stubborn resistance in their attempt to extend the right wing of their main army through Pas de Calais to the French northern ports. In fact they have fallen back in this region in the face of the allies' offensive.

The official press bureau issued the following statement: "British troops have been engaged with the enemy towards the left of the allied line (in France) with the result that the Germans have been pressed back on their flank. The nature of the country in which the fighting has been conducted, being a mining center, makes rapid progress difficult."

A few days ago the German cavalry were fighting as far west as Hazebrouck and Cassel, but, according to the French official communication, the front of this battle extends from La Bassée through Estaires to Bailleur on the Belgian frontier, while across the border the allies have occupied Ypres. This is a distinct gain for the allies and shows that the German attempt to work around their left has failed, the German right being bent back toward Lille and Courtrai, both of which places the invaders hold with strong forces.

It is here the heavy blows which both sides hope will bring about a decisive result in the long drawn out battle will be struck. It is for this reason that the Germans will be able to make their way to Ostend, although even there troops have been left to inflict what damage they can before joining the larger body farther south.

Of the recent fighting elsewhere, the French communication simply says that the operations are proceeding normally on the left wing as far as the Oise, that the allies' progress in the Berry-An-Bac region is confirmed and that on the right wing there is nothing new.

WAS A GERMAN SPY

Commander of an Antwerp Fortress Shot to Death.

London, Oct. 15.—Five thousand British marines who aided in the defense of Antwerp have returned, and from many of them it was learned that the commander of one of the fortresses was a German spy. The Belgians shot him and four of his staff officers. The marines say that the work of defense was greatly hampered by spies, who were everywhere. The escape of the marines is considered a miracle.

Wireless dispatches from Berlin relate two achievements which won the iron cross. Count Von Berolingen, whose mother was an American, donned the overcoat of a British officer and, representing himself as an English adjutant, went to the French lines. He spoke perfect English and he asked for and obtained information, which enabled the Germans to attack successfully. The other achievement was similar.

RUSSIAN CRUISER SUNK

Torpedoed by German Submarine and Nearly 600 Men Lost.

Petrograd, Oct. 13.—An official communication here announces that on Oct. 11 the Russian armored cruiser Pallada was torpedoed in the Baltic sea by a German submarine and sank with all her crew. The armored cruiser Pallada carried a complement of 568 men. She measured 443 feet and had a displacement of 7,775 tons. Her speed was 22 knots. With the Admiral Marakov and the Bayan, she constituted a group of cruisers known as the "Bayan class." The destruction of the Pallada leaves five armored cruisers in the Russian navy. Attacks on the cruisers Bayan and Admiral Marakov failed.

BOMBS DROPPED ON PARIS

Three Persons Killed and Fourteen Maimed by German Aviators.

Paris, Oct. 12.—German aviators dropped twenty bombs into various districts of Paris, killing three persons and wounding fourteen others. The Germans flew over the city at a very low altitude for an hour. After the attacking aeroplanes apparently had exhausted their supply of missiles, French aeroplanes ascended and pursued them, chasing the Germans toward the east. Two hostile aeroplanes appeared at the same time. One dropped a bomb on the roof of the cathedral of Notre Dame, but the missile did not explode. Another fell near the northern railway terminal, and a third on Rue St. Lazare.

Temperance Entertainment

The Sunday-school of Friends Church, popularly known as Happy Corner, expect to give a temperance entertainment on the evening of November 1, to which the public is cordially invited to attend.

BUNCHED PARAGRAPHS

The largest brewery in Fairmount, W. Va., has been turned into an ice cream establishment.

More than 3,000 lives were lost in the earthquake in the province of Konia, Turkey, according to a cablegram from American Ambassador Morgenthau.

Monsignor Shahan, rector of the Catholic University of America, will be consecrated titular bishop of Germanopolis on Sunday, Nov. 15, by Cardinal Gibbons at Baltimore.

Poses are searching for seven of the nine prisoners who escaped from the Kankakee county (Ill.) jail by using saws said to have been brought to the jail by Mrs. George Loughran, wife of a prisoner indicted for saw-blowing.

Ruth McCullough, twenty-three, vaudeville actress, and Clarence McCormick, eighteen, clerk, confessed, according to detectives, that they lured I. W. Mollett, wealthy Hedrick (Ia.) farmer, into a deserted field near Hedrick and killed him.

Carroll Olson, twenty, died at Milwaukee from injuries received in football game.

Joseph Stonish, plumber, was bound over at Alliance, O., charged with the murder of Policeman James Turner.

At Chicago, Frank Blackledge, jailed for thirty days for contempt of court, sued Judge Keneas M. Landis for \$25,000 damages.

Alex S. Ballard, fifty-two, president and cashier of the Commercial National bank at Washington C. H., O., died after an illness of six months.

Ernest Currey and Artie Currey, brothers, of Atlanta, Ga., were instantly killed by a train near Portsmouth, O. They were walking on the track.

Following a quarrel over the disposition of fodder, De Witt Jenkins, forty-four, stabbed and almost instantly killed his brother-in-law, Elliott Hackney, fifty, at Bedford, Ky.

Mrs. Marian Press was badly injured at Toledo in an auto accident.

Prince Ferdinand was proclaimed king of Roumania under the title of Ferdinand II, in succession to the late Carol I.

Fire destroyed an entire business block and a half dozen dwellings at Spencer, W. Va., with an estimated loss of \$250,000.

Toledo Commerce club wants the channel shoals dug out as the first work provided for by the \$135,000 harbor improvement appropriation.

Secretary of State Harry Wood, one of the Democratic candidates at the Illinois senatorial primary, shot and killed himself at Springfield, Ill. No motive known.

Elwood C. Small, a real estate dealer, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home in Buffalo.

Robert Hillman of New Bedford, Mass., a railroad conductor, fell from a locomotive at Fall River and was killed.

Connecticut apple growers have begun a "boy a barrel of apples" movement, saying that war has hurt the apple trade.

Five persons were killed and three injured in a severe windstorm that swept a farming district ten miles southwest of Joplin, Mo.

James Turner, fifty-six, a special policeman employed by merchants to protect their property, was murdered by a burglar who was trying to break in to Hathi's saloon at Alliance, O.

Denver police are investigating the case of Miss Helen Schultzy, twenty-five, daughter of Fred Schultzy of Toledo, O., a millionaire lumberman. She became ill on a train and died in a Denver hospital of poisoning.

Continental Sugar company opened its large plant in Findlay, O., with 350 men on two shifts.

A general strike of the building trades began at Buffalo, about 3,000 men laying down their tools.

A German fishing vessel has been blown up by a German mine in the Langeland belt, north of the coast of Denmark.

William Barlow, formerly a widely known minstrel, and his wife were seriously wounded by a negro who forced his way into the Barlow home near Little Rock, Ark.

Secretary Bryan sent to European powers a message telling of President Wilson's day of prayer for peace and the sincerity with which the people of the United States responded to it.

J. G. Stalmsmith, fifty-eight, of New Lexington, O., well known horseman and manufacturer, is dead.

English trawler Lilly was blown up by a mine in the North sea. Seven members of the crew are missing.

Frank Michaels, forty-seven, a painter, was killed in a fall of twenty-five feet from the roof of a building at the Fairfield County (O.) Children's home.

Federal court at New York denied the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company's application for an injunction restraining the government from closing its plants.

Will of Mrs. Frank Leslie, filed for probate in New York city, leaves the residuary estate, estimated at more than \$1,000,000, to further the cause of woman's suffrage.

Lloyds began quoting prices against the risk of Zeppelin airships dropping bombs upon London buildings.

Ohio's wheat crop for this year will amount to nearly 29,000,000 bushels, according to the report of the agricultural commission.

Harry Hill was arrested by Marshal Duncan last Friday night on an affidavit by Wm. Coats, charging him with disturbing the peace. The arrest grew out of a mix-up between Hill and Coats on West Fayette street. Hill pleaded guilty in Mayor Rice's court and was fined \$1 and costs. He settled.

THE DEMOCRAT and Cincinnati Daily Post, both one full year for \$3.00.

THREE MILLIONS ON BATTLE LINE

Teuton Allies and Russians Engaged in Titanic Struggle.

POLAND AND GALICIA THE SCENE

Battle Front Extends From Warsaw to Przemyel and Farther to the South to the River Dniester—Russians Forced to Evacuate Lemberg, Recently Captured From the Austrians—Operations in Eastern Zone.

London, Oct. 15.—A new and powerful offensive movement by the Germans and Austrians in the central and southern zones of the eastern battle line is on. An official dispatch issued by the Russian general staff says: "A battle has been begun on a line extending from the country around Warsaw, Poland, along the rivers Vistula and San to Przemyel, Galicia, and farther to the south to the river Dniester." From other sources it is learned that 3,000,000 troops are engaged on both sides.

There is reason to believe that the Germans, instead of being driven back to a line of defense from Thorn to Cracow, are actually advancing in great force in central Poland and are virtually at the gate of Warsaw. The Austrian general staff asserts that the Russians have been forced to evacuate Lemberg, the capital of Galicia, and the base of operations in that province. A further announcement of the Austrian general staff is that the Austrians, entirely recovered from recent defeats, have retaken the country west and south of Przemyel and are driving the Russians in all directions. On the other hand, the Russian general staff informs the world that the siege of Przemyel is being pressed with great vigor.

There is a report that the Austrian armies are numerous because they have been forced to take orders from German generals, and that protests have come from the Austrian commanders to Emperor Francis Joseph.

The Russian general staff issued the following communication: "On the left bank of the Vistula, along the roads leading from Warsaw to Ivanogorod, our troops on Oct. 13 successfully pressed back the German forces. One of our regiments captured two German companies. Fighting continues to the south of Przemyel."

ANTWERP PAYS WAR TAX

Destruction Wrought by Bombardment Comparatively Small.

Rotterdam, Oct. 12.—The mayor of Antwerp and a few of the inhabitants were the only persons who remained in the city to await the Germans. The mayor went to meet a deputation of Germans which had been sent to state the conditions of surrender. The Germans agreed that males between the ages of 18 and 30 should not be put under restraint and that the civil guard should not be made prisoners of war. A war tax of \$125,000 was demanded. Baron Von Der Schuetz was appointed governor and he has already announced that all the inhabitants are at liberty to return to their homes. The destruction wrought by the bombardment of Antwerp, except in the district of which the Dutch station is the center, is comparatively small.

SHOOT TWENTY-FIVE MILES

New German Guns Destined For Use at Channel Ports.

Amsterdam, Oct. 14.—Reports are current in Berlin that the Krupp have completed some enormously heavy guns of a caliber and range never before attempted, and that a large fleet of Zeppelins, according to some reports numbering eighty or more, is being collected near Kiel, awaiting a favorable opportunity to sail for England, according to the statement of a British newspaperman who has just returned from Berlin to Amsterdam. German artillery officers say the new Krupp guns have a range of about twenty-five miles and probably are destined for use at some channel port. The aeroplane factories in Germany are working day and night supplying machines, and 200 aviators are qualifying for military service every week.

Cardinal Ferrata Dead.

Rome, Oct. 12.—Cardinal Dominico Ferrata, the papal secretary of state, is dead. The cardinal was stricken with appendicitis shortly after the conclave in which he was a leading candidate for the papacy, and peritonitis later developed.

Beer and Spirits Tax Adopted.

Washington, Oct. 14.—The senate adopted the provision of the war revenue bill which taxes beer at the rate of \$1.75 a barrel and imposes a 5 per cent tax on rectified spirits. The beer tax was adopted without the formality of a rollcall.

Affects Alaska Coal Lands.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The senate after a brief debate adopted the conference report on the bill authorizing the government leasing of coal lands in Alaska. It is expected that the house will agree to the bill.

Wanted to Trade

Wanted to trade fine new piano for good horse. Inquire at 119 E. Livingston street, Celina, O.

Remember dates of Gov. Cox's tour.

BOX SOCIAL AT MONTEZUMA

Friday evening, October 23, the worthy seniors of the Montezuma High School will give a box social at the High School building. Girls, come and bring your boxes laden with goodies, and boys, bring your pocket-books laden with the goods.

HOLY NAME RALLY AT ST. HENRY

Sunday, October 25, at 1:30 p.m., standard time, will be the Holy Name rally day at St. Henry. The celebration will consist of a grand parade, accompanied by brass bands of neighboring parishes. After the parade an address will be made, closed by solemn benediction. All, especially the neighboring places, are cordially invited to attend this great event. All and everybody for St. Henry on Sunday, October 25.

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL DENIED HIM

And Sentence for Life in the Penitentiary Is Given LeVan Baker by Judge Mathers.

Judge Mathers last Monday afternoon overruled a motion for a new trial filed by Attorney R. L. Mattingly on behalf of LeVan Baker, found guilty of second degree murder for the killing of Wilbur Phillips, on a Lake Erie & Western freight train last November. The court then sentenced Baker to life imprisonment. A request of the young man to spend an hour with his parents before being taken to the pen was granted by the sheriff, and supper at home Wednesday evening. Yesterday morning he was taken to Columbus.

DAN CUPID VICTIMS

The approaching marriages of two prominent young couples were made public last Sunday morning, with the publication of banns at the Catholic Church in this city, of Jerome Grothman, oldest son of Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. A. B. Grothman, and Miss Adelaide Kenney, oldest daughter of Ex-Mayor and Mrs. P. E. Kenney; and Mathias Fleck, son of Fred Fleck, and Mary Mertz, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mertz. The latter couple live on adjoining farms a mile northwest of town.

A pretty wedding occurred last Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Monroe, at Montezuma, when their daughter, Miss Ethel, was given in marriage to Albert Harrison, Rev. Roebuck tying the nuptial knot. Following the ceremony a sumptuous wedding supper was served to forty invited guests. The young couple are popular in their vicinity and have a host of friends. They will make their home on the Harrison farm, east of Montezuma.

ERASTUS' SECOND HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL

The Trinity M. E. Church of Erastus, will hold their second Harvest Home Festival Sunday morning and evening, October 18. There will also be a supper and social at the town hall on Monday evening, October 19. Everybody cordially invited.

BIG GUNS LINE UP WITH DRYS

Columbus, O.—The campaign for state-wide Prohibition is now in full swing. It is estimated that 500 dry meetings are being held every day. While local speakers are holding most of these meetings, noted orators are here or on their way from many other states. The meetings are well attended and old-timers say that never before have they seen so much enthusiasm.

Among the more prominent men from out of the state who are here, or will be here, are Senborn Wright of Georgia, father of the Georgia Prohibition law; ex-Governor Patterson, the eloquent Tennesseean; Judge Charles A. Pollock of North Dakota, who has been on the bench in that state for many years; Judge Covington of Kentucky, a favorite here in Ohio; Congressman Hobson of Alabama who addresses a few meetings, as will the witty and eloquent Sen. Small. John Cannon, the Chicago Catholic and organized labor leader, will stay in the campaign until election day. These are but a few of the many out-of-state speakers.

Some of the best known Democrats of Ohio are on the stump for the Prohibition amendment. John J. Lentz, ex-congressman and recently candidate for United States senator, is drawing large crowds in his eloquent and convincing arguments for Prohibition and against the brewers' home-rule amendment. Mr. Lentz declares that it is his conviction that Prohibition is the only solution of the liquor problem and that the course of the brewers and liquor dealers in their methods of business, and their interference in politics, outrages that conviction.

There was considerable surprise throughout the state when the Hon. C. B. Winters of Sandusky took the platform for state-wide Prohibition. For years Mr. Winters was a Democratic leader in the legislature and was considered to be firmly on the liquor side of the cent.

Mr. Winters has watched the operation of the license law in Sandusky and elsewhere and is convinced it is the only remedy. Two of the leading Democrats campaigning for Prohibition are ex-Mayor Rice of Canton and former Senator E. J. Huft of New Philadelphia.

EX-SPEAKER VINING PASSES BEYOND

Busy and Eventful Life Brought to a Sudden Close.

Hon. Samuel J. Vining, aged 30 years, ex-Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, Secretary of the Mercer County Agricultural Society, and one of the foremost Democrats of the State, died early yesterday morning at his home on East Livingston street, this city, as the result of an operation for appendicitis, which he underwent two weeks ago last night.

Mr. Vining was seemingly getting along nicely when a sudden turn for the worse came Tuesday night. A blood clot formed in the left leg just above the knee and he suffered untold agony from that time until his death yesterday morning.



Mr. Vining was born at South Salem, Indiana, March 22, 1864. At the age of 16 he located in Blackrock township, this county, where he engaged in farming. He later became a school teacher.

He was elected Clerk of Courts in 1896, and served for six years in that capacity. Since leaving the Clerk's office he had been engaged in the real estate and insurance business.

In 1908 he was elected to represent Mercer County in the House of Representatives. He was re-elected in 1910 without opposition from either party.

On the assembling of the Legislature the following January he was accorded the distinction of being chosen Speaker of the House after a notable contest. He was the author of several important

THE WARNES LAW IN ACTION

Tax-payers throughout Mercer county, and in fact all over the State of Ohio, are daily becoming more thoroughly familiar with the splendid reduction of taxes here and elsewhere for next year's collection. They are being convinced of the reduction by calling on the Auditor.

The cost of the last appraisement of real estate in Mercer County (1910) was.....

The cost of the appraisement of personal property in Mercer County, the same year, was.....

Total for both appraisements in 1910.....

The cost of appraisement of both personal and real property in Mercer County this year (1914) under the Warnes law, was.....

[This includes the furnishing and equipment of the office of the deputy tax commissioner, and salaries of commissioner, all assessors and clerks, and the expense of boards of complaint.]

Saving in 1914 under the Warnes law was.....

Monday, Oct. 12, the opening of the eleventh week of the war, found Germany more than holding all the advantages she has gained in both the western and eastern theaters of war.

The Germans still hold the strong positions to which they retired along the Aisne and the capture of Antwerp has greatly strengthened their lines both in Belgium and France. In the eastern theater of hostilities, the Germans have penetrated Poland as far as the Vistula, and while the Russian government has laid claim to important victories in the Suwalki district, when the history of the war is written it probably will be found that these successes did not mean so much as the Russian general staff has tried to make out. An unprejudiced survey of the situation can not but see an advantage for Germany so far as the war has gone. Belgium is prostrate and Germany is still the invader both in France and Russia.

French war office on Oct. 13 announced that Lille, in northern France, had been captured by the Germans. The fighting has centered about Lille for nearly two weeks. The admission by the French that it has been taken indicates that the Germans are gaining in their counter flanking movement against the allies' left wing and that the Kaiser's troops will now sweep quickly to the coast. To offset the loss of Lille, the French claim they have gained ground between Arras and Albert, southwest of Lille, and also at the center of the battle front in the region of Berry-Au-Bac.

German operations in northwestern Belgium are being prosecuted with great vigor. Ghent has fallen into the hands of the Germans, leaving only Bruges and Ostend in possession of the allies.

The Belgian government, following the fall of Antwerp and the threatened attack on Ostend, has been transferred to Havre, France. King Albert remains at the head of the Belgian army.

An official war office statement issued at Berlin declares that the whole of Poland west of the Vistula river is in German possession, the Russians having been swept back.

A Vienna dispatch says the Austrian troops have beaten back the Russian army investing Przemyel, in Galicia. Warsaw, in Poland, is threatened by the Germans.

According to reports current in London, Oct. 14, the German warships captured Ostend, the famous watering place on the North sea in West Flanders, Belgium. The German fleet met with sharp opposition as they marched on the Belgian coast, but it is said that they were allowed to enter the city without firing a shot after they once reached its outskirts.

More than 3,000,000 Austro-German and Russian troops are believed to be engaged along the Vistula river in Poland, in one of the most bloody conflicts in the world's history.

A Capetown dispatch of Oct. 14 intimates that the revolt of the Boers in the cape provinces of South Africa is spreading. German officers from German Southwest Africa are credited with encouraging the uprising, which is under the leadership of the Boer general, Maritz. Government troops are being rushed to the scene of the disaffection.

Paris reports that Germany's campaign to gain control of the English channel coast in France and Belgium was checked by the armies of the French and British, which hurled back the German advance guards east of Cassel and drove the Kaiser's troops out of Ypres, a Belgian town, ten miles from the frontier.

The Belgian army, with King Albert at its head, has moved out of Ostend and is supposed to have joined the allied forces.

Portugal has declared martial law throughout the Portuguese Congo, in South Africa, according to a dispatch from Lisbon. This action is believed to foreshadow a declaration of war against Germany by Portugal and the co-operation of Portuguese troops with the British in a campaign against the Kaiser's African territory.

An official war office statement issued at Berlin declares that the whole

GOV. COX WILL TOUR COUNTY

County Campaign to Open at Montezuma and Chattanooga

Governor James M. Cox will spend the major portion of a day in Mercer County next Tuesday, the 20th, making at least five speeches before leaving the county.

He will make his first address at the station at Maria Stein at 9:45 a.m., arriving there from Dayton over the C. H. & D. A big contingent of Democrats from all parts of the county, in automobiles, will meet the Governor and accompany him on his trip.

His second stop will be at St. Henry at 10:45. From St. Henry the party will go to Coldwater, where the meeting is scheduled for 11:40. After this meeting the Governor will take dinner with Mayor Henry Fox. The party will then come to this city, where they are scheduled to arrive at 1:30. If the weather is favorable the Governor will speak from the court-house steps, otherwise the meeting will be held in the court-room.

The last speech in the county will be made at Rockford at 3:30, after which the Governor leaves for Willshire and Van Wert.

Tonight at Montezuma, the Democratic campaign will be opened by a meeting at the schoolhouse, which will be addressed by Mr. Cunningham and H. A. Miller, democratic candidate for Common Pleas judge.

Both Messrs. Cunningham and Miller will also open the campaign at Chattanooga to-morrow (Saturday) night. This promises to be an old time love fest, and a big contingent of local Democrats will accompany the speakers. Campaign speeches in other parts of the county, with noted state orators as headliners, will be announced next week.

THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Christopher Horne, aged 39 years, died last Tuesday morning, at her home in Liberty township, following a few days illness. Deceased was born near Columbus, April 2, 1875. She was survived by her husband and nine children, the youngest a baby girl, born last Sunday night. Five brothers and two sisters also survive. Funeral services were held yesterday.

Benjamin Hanfelder, aged 45 years, a well known resident of Chickasaw, was found dead in bed at the home of his brother, Joseph, in that village last Tuesday morning.

He was in his usual health Monday evening. He made his home with his brother, and when he failed to show up for breakfast one the children went to his room to arouse him and found the body lifeless.

Deceased was born in Marion township, December 18, 1869. He is survived by the brother with whom he lived and in township, and Mrs. Frank Tangeman, of Marion township. Funeral services were held yesterday morning.

Carl Doty, aged 35 years, died suddenly last Sunday, shortly after noon, at his home at Mendon.

Deceased had been in his usual health up until Sunday morning. He walked several blocks from his home, shortly after eating breakfast, and took suddenly ill. Dr. Otis, of this city, was called after death and held a post mortem. He announced death being due to a hemorrhage of the stomach.

Deceased was born at St. Marys, October 30, 1878. He had lived at Mendon for a number of years, being a clerk in the Gordon-Haus-Folk company's implement store.

He is survived by his wife and three children. His father and two brothers also survive.

Funeral services were held from the Mendon M. E. Church Wednesday morning.

SWINE-BREEDER'S VIEW OF SITUATION

Let us realize the day and hour. Let us note what time it is. An epoch has passed. A new one has begun. A new era dates from the day war was declared in Europe. Which is very bad business. Be thankful for President Wilson, a man of kind heart and a man of feeling. The air is surcharged with the talk of strife, about the opportunity of the American farmer and manufacturer to capture the world's trade—sell to the world, be the great producers of the world, and ship in the bottoms of our merchant marine.

The opportunity exists. The need of actual requirements must be supplied. The manufacturer of Europe is demoralized. The operators are off to the war and being killed. All South America hungers for merchandise. Africa